

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) Members & Interested Parties

From: Chris Cummiskey, Director Government Information Technology Agency (GITA)
And Roger Vanderpool, Director Department of Public Safety

Re: Transition of Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) from
DPS to GITA – HB2210

Date: July 1, 2008

In accordance with HB2210 the Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) will be transitioned from DPS to GITA, effective today, July 1, 2008. This memorandum will provide initial information regarding this transition.

Reason for the Transition

The Governor's Office requested the transition of the PSCC to GITA based on GITA's proven track record managing strategic initiatives for Arizona, including e-Health, Arizona 2-1-1, State Web Portal, and many others. GITA has demonstrated its ability to effectively partner with subject matter experts (such as health care professionals in development of the Health-e Connections Roadmap; health and human services and emergency response personnel in the design, development and deployment of Arizona 2-1-1, etc.) to deliver large, complex technology initiatives. The DPS Director (or his designee) will remain an active member of the PSCC.

Commission Activities

The State is suspending activities of the PSCC and related committees during a 90 day transition period. All Commission meetings and subcommittee meetings are cancelled effective immediately. We anticipate Commission meetings will re-commence in October 2008 - date/time/location to be sent to Commissioners and posted in September 2008.

Personnel

Subject to ADOA and Governor's Office approval, we hope to offer all current DPS personnel dedicated to PSCC, employment options at GITA working on PSCC and/or at DPS working on other matters. A new staffing plan, job descriptions and hiring processes will be developed for PSCC support and posted on the GITA web site in August 2008. Anyone interested in working for GITA on PSCC matters should forward their resumes to GITA.

Transition Activities

The following kinds of activities need to take place during the transition:

1. Funding – Transfer of non-lapsing appropriations, grant and other PSCC funding to GITA. Development of updated staffing, support and budget plan.
2. Personnel – Hire new personnel as needed.
3. Contracts – Evaluate existing contract relationships and modify, terminate or transfer authority to GITA. Negotiate an ISA between DPS and GITA as necessary regarding any transition issues.
4. Facilities – Transfer of assets and personnel to a facility in closer proximity to GITA's current operations.
5. Assets – Effect transfer of all assets and documentation to GITA, including all physical assets (desks, computer, blackberries, etc.), historical records, electronic distribution lists, MOUs, IGAs and other documentation.
6. Work in Progress – Address any immediate SCIP, PSIC and grant issues; Analyze work in progress and work planned. Become familiar with operations in support of PSCC.
7. Outreach – Develop an outreach strategy to assure local input.

Communications

Communications from all parties, including Commissioners, local governments, the media, vendors and the public should be directed to Lisa Dee Meyerson, Strategic Initiatives Unit Chief, GITA at lmeyerson@azgita.gov and (602) 364-4780.

Web pages updating all interested parties regarding PSCC transition activities will be posted at least twice monthly on the GITA web site www.azgita.gov during the transition period.

We look forward to working with all of you to attain the goals the Governor has set forth for interoperability throughout Arizona.